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AT GATT COUNCIL MEETING JULY 24 SPANISH DEL PROMISED TO
SUBMIT IN WRITING STATISTICS HE HAD GIVEN IN COUNCIL
MEETING. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THIS
SUBMISSION: BEGIN TEXT:

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SPAIN STATED THAT IN THE
FIRST QUARTER OF THE CURRENT YEAR IMPORTS HAD BEEN
AUTHORIZED IN SPAIN OF 64,000 TONS OF BLEACHED SULPHATE
AND BISULPHITE PULP CONTAINING LESS THAN 88 PERCENT OF
ALPHA-CELLULOSE, OF WHICH 26,860 HAD COME FROM THE
NORDIC COUNTRIES, 20,384 FROM CANADA, 5,545 FROM THE
UNITED STATES, 8,521 FROM PORTUGAL, AND THE REMAINDER
FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. IN OTHER WORDS, DOUBLE THE
NORMAL AMOUNT FOR A QUARTER HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED IF ONE
COMPARED THE TOTAL WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURE FOR
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THE PAST FEW YEARS.

FROM JANUARY TO MAY 1978 ACTUAL IMPORTS OF
CHEMICAL PULP INTO SPAIN HAD AMOUNTED TO 126,683 TONS.
OF THAT AMOUNT, 43,164 HAD COME FROM THE NORDIC COUNTRIES,
29,866 FROM CANADA, 16,026 FROM THE UNITED STATES, 9,918
FROM PORTUGAL, AND THE REST FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. THE

LATTER FIGURES ALL RELATED TO CHEMICAL WOOD PULP, SINCE DATA FOR THE VARIOUS TARIFF SUB-HEADINGS WERE AS YET NOT AVAILABLE, WHICH MEANT THAT THE LATTER FIGURES INCLUDED RAW SULPHATE PULP AND BLEACHED BISULPHITE PULP CONTAINING MORE THAN 88 PERCENT OF ALPHA-CELLULOSE, BUT BLEACHED PULP WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR 70 PERCENT OF THOSE IMPORTS.

AS OF THAT DAY'S DATE (24 JULY) THERE WERE NO APPLICATIONS AWAITING ACTION IN THE SPANISH MINISTRY OF TRADE, EXCEPT FOR SEVEN INVOLVING A VOLUME OF LESS THAN 1,000 TONS. AS LATE AS 21 JULY, LICENSES HAD BEEN APPROVED FOR 4,300 TONS OF SPECIAL TYPES OF PULP AND FOR 9,130 TONS OF BLEACHED SULPHATE PULP.

IN 1977, TOTAL IMPORTS OF BLEACHED SULPHATE AND BISULPHITE PULP FROM CONIFERS, CONTAINING LESS THAN 88 PERCENT OF ALPHA-CELLULOSE, HAD AMOUNTED TO 133,000 TONS, OR AN AVERAGE OF LESS THAN 11,100 TONS PER MONTH. 1977 HAD BEEN A NORMAL YEAR. END TEXT.
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